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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yoshitaka Tsunashima et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2814  
Application No.: 09/688,989 ) Examiner: S. Rao  
Filed: October 17, 2000 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Office Action dated June 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application for the following reasons.

**REMARKS**

Claims 27, 28, and 30-33 are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 27, 28, 30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention; rejected claims 27, 28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; and rejected claims 27, 28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kume et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,188,976, hereinafter "Kume") and Tada (U.S. Patent No. 5,497,021).

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